JSA Classified

Geoff Johns: On a Power Trip

During his lengthy tenure on DC's acclaimed ***JSA*** series, writer *Geoff Johns* has made no secret of his affection for the pulchritudinous Power Girl. So it shouldn't come as a surprise that Johns' premiere story arc in the spinoff series ***JSA Classified*** would propel the superpowered Karen Starr to a starring role.

"Power Trip," a multi-part story arc from Johns and artists *Amanda Conner & Jimmy Palmiotti*, spotlights Power Girl in a story that explores her origins—and clears up a few bits of continuity confusion. Johns explained how the series came about.

"*Dan [DiDio]* wanted to create books focusing on developing the second, third and fourth tier heroes of the DCU. ***JSA Classified*** is one of those new books and fortunately, *Stephen Wacker* has come on to steer the ship. Steve has been working on ***JSA*** with me and *Pete [Tomasi]* for years, he loves the team and he's committed to developing the JSA and the ancillary characters around them. Steve asked me to write the first four issues, so here I am!

"Steve didn't want this to be a JSA "Spotlight," or just random arcs, so it'll be a book that stands as a monthly all its own—but at the same time it'll tie into the monthly ***JSA***. We have a huge cast in ***JSA,*** and some of the subplots and character arcs will spill over into ***JSA Classified***—and some of what happens in ***JSA Classified*** with spill back over into ***JSA***."

As soon as he agreed to do the book, he knew which character he wanted to focus on. "The Power Girl story we've been building in ***JSA*** will spill over and become its own four-issue arc, focusing on Karen struggling with the knowledge of her past. The second arc is kind of the opposite, reintroducing some characters that now will later play a role in the ***JSA*** monthly.

"Power Girl is a phenomenon for me. I liked her in ***Justice League Europe***, but I wasn't a huge fan... until we decided to use her in a story arc for ***JSA***. Once I got to see her with the team, I fell in love. She's a tough, funny, sexy heroine who works ten times as hard as everyone else. She has a chip on each shoulder, not much interest in life outside her costume, and a big blank spot as far as her childhood is concerned. She's also about to learn about that childhood—and her reaction is what I'm waiting for.

"*Amanda Conner* is illustrating the book and it's gorgeous. Kind of an *Ed McGuiness* thing, but Amanda's art is so brilliant and funny—she puts more personality in one facial expression than I could ever convey with dialogue.

"Throughout the story, it's like Karen can't catch a break. As she says in the first issue, imagine 'arriving' on Earth and everyone is like 'Wow! Superman's cousin!! This is awesome! You're awesome!' And then they all find out she's not. People can't help but kind of shrug their shoulders.

"Now that the 'real' Supergirl has shown up, that's throwing her in a bit of a funk. So someone out there thinks she needs help in discovering who she really is – but Karen might not like the answer…or maybe not even *want* an answer. It's a journey of self-realization for Karen and a way for her to get back in touch with who she is and why she does what she does. And there are a lot of guest-stars... but I can't say because their appearance might give away the story.

Amanda Conner is confident that this story arc will make an already popular character even more appealing. "We're trying to make people able to identify with her a little bit. Why she acts the way she does. Why she's so pissed off a lot of the time," Conner explained. "I think a lot of that has to do with her not knowing where she comes from."

While readers get to know Karen better, the question of "where she comes from" will finally be revealed in the story. "There's a lot of stuff that we *don't* know about Power Girl," Conner said. "She was supposed to be Superman's cousin, then we found out she wasn't. She was disappointed about that. Then we found out she was supposedly the granddaughter of an Atlantean sorcerer, and his brother was tormenting her or something. So the granddad sent her something like a thousand years into the future to escape the tormenting uncle."

As Conner sees it, there aren't many character histories out there that are more convoluted and crazy than Power Girls— but she thinks she's working with the writer who can fix it. "*Geoff Johns* is the character doctor. So now he's taking good care of Power Girl, and we'll *finally* find out what's going on with her," she said.

"Was she the granddaughter of an Atlantean Wizard? Or is she the relative of a villain? Or is she from the far future?" Johns asked rhetorically. "Don't you *love* confusing origins!

"A lot of 'tests' will be done in order to determine it—and we worked very hard and long to make sure this made the most sense to the character. Who she is, what she's about, and why she feels the way she does... all is explained in one sentence by the time it's said and done. This story will *definitively* deal with [her origins and identity]. Power Girl is about to become a very, *very* important character in the DCU."

While Power Girl will star in the initial ***JSA Classified*** arc, the series will serve to expand on the stories of other JSA members as well—and it'll also feature stories with no direct connection to the flagship ***JSA*** series. "There will always be new stories," Johns said, " but ties to the regular monthly will be really close in some cases, like 'Power Trip'—and in other cases more subtle... The book gives everyone the chance to see their favorite members explored in solo and team-up adventures that actually impact their lives and what their role with the JSA will be."

Johns is pleased with the launch of a second ***JSA*** title, because the team has "a large cast, and every time we've sat down to cut a member out, Pete and I are always like, 'No, Hourman rules. So does Wildcat. No, no. We *have* to have Mr. Terrific.' So we'd rather juggle the cast, because it's worked so far.

"As for this book, it's great. I'm psyched to see what other writers do with characters like Mr. Terrific, Hourman, Alan Scott, and the rest. I've already spoken to the writer of the second arc and it sounds like a lot of high action fun. It'll bring back a villain who I think has the potential to be a long-standing adversary for the JSA."

While Johns' packed schedule doesn't allow him to write every ***JSA Classified*** storyline, "I'm hoping to get back to ***JSA Classified*** for an arc every year or so," he said. "Steve and I have already discussed some possibilities. I'd love to tackle all of them but in particular I have story ideas for Crimson Avenger, Black Adam, Jakeem Thunder—and, if I can ever convince Steve, Stars & S.T.R.I.P.E."

In the meantime, Johns sees ***JSA Classified*** as a place where writers can explore hitherto-unrevealed aspects of the JSA's diverse cast. "If someone wants to tell a great story about Jay Garrick or Hourman or Wildcat, this is the place to tell it!"

JSA Classified #1, a $2.50 comic, should be in comic shops at the same time as this issue of ***CSN***.

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Welcome to *Transformers* math, IDW style! When the company launches its *Transformers* franchise this fall, they'll do it with a special zero issue of *Transformers: Infiltration* that offers twenty-four pages of story and art for a mere 99¢... and no matter how you add it up, that's a bargain!

Transformers: Infiltration #0 (which features four covers by *E.J. Su, Milx, James Raiz,* and *Ed McGuinness*) is written by *Simon Furman* and illustrated by *E.J. Su*. This issue, which kicks off the first six-part story arc, marks the beginning of an all-new storyline and continuity that relaunches the *Transformers* from the ground up, offering new readers an ideal jumping-on point free of the burdens of Dreamwave continuity. In this specially priced introductory issue, legendary

In this sixteen-page tale, runaway Verity Carlo absconds with a mini-computer that just might hold bigger secrets than she's prepared to handle. And :huh: when she's made aware of a larger conspiracy that involves gigantic alien robots... well, the skeptic in her refuses to believe what she's been told. Until she has no choice but to believe if she wants to survive at all!

This issue also contains interviews, background info, and sneak peeks into IDW's *Transformers* plans. *Transformers: Infiltration #0* is scheduled for August release.

Fog Settles in at Dark Horse

Later this year, Revolution Studios unveils their remake of John Carpenter's 1980 horror film classic ***The Fog***—but before the film makes its debut, Dark Horse turns on their ***Fog*** lights with an original graphic novel that expands on the film's story.

Scott Allie & Todd Herman have been tapped to handle the project, with added story input from director *Rupert Wainwright* and creator *John Carpenter;* their graphic novel explores the backstory of the film, beginning with a group of Shanghai traders that have come to America hoping to escape a string of unexplained deaths at the teeth of unseen monsters and a mysterious Chinese curse.

"This book's a remarkable extension of the story that *Debra Hill* and I created," Carpenter said, "true to the terror of the film and the EC Comics that inspired it."

"This was a chance to use a really creepy film from my childhood as the jumping off point to do a story full of scares and weird, classic horror," Allie explained. "The film shows the fallout from a terrible series of events. We get to tell the story of how those people wound up in such desperate circumstances, and it gets into the worst parts of these people's personalities, mixing visceral horror elements with deeply conflicted characters."

The Fog, which features a cover by *Mike Mignola,* is scheduled for early October release.

Women of the Hour

Back in April, more than eight hundred cartoonists around the globe took part in 24 Hour Comics Day, an event that challenges creators to produce a complete twenty-four-page comic in a twenty-four-hour period. Now mastermind *Nat Gertler,* the man who founded the event, is collecting some of the best material into a new ***24 Hour Comics Day Anthology***—and this time, the majority of the material is produced by women.

"The problem wasn't finding material that was good enough for the annual anthology book," Gertler said. "It was picking from among *so many* good stories. After the first pass of reading through everything, I had more than 150 stories that were worthy of serious consideration—more than enough to fill six thick books. A lot of work and tough decisions went into bringing this down to 24 stories.

"The selected stories have a really wide range—everything from very silly tales to action stories to autobiographical material where people just laid their heart on the page. The contributors include everything from people who had never drawn a complete comics story before to well-established pros like *Zander Cannon* of ***Top Ten*** fame, *Ben Avery* of ***The Imaginaries*** and ***ArmorQuest,*** and *Lea Hernandez* of ***Rumble Girls*** and ***Cathedral Child.***"

Ultimately, thirteen of the stories that made the cut came from female cartoonists. "This hasn't happened because of any attempt on my part to give preference to female cartoonists," Gertler said. "Women were a large portion of the 24 Hour Comics Day participants, and some of them just turned out amazing stuff. Anyone who has kept an eye on the web comics scene has probably noticed a surge in talented female creators. I suspect we're going to see a lot of folks break through into the print world."

The creators who have contributed to ***24 Hour comics Day Highlights 2005*** include *Svetlana Chmakova, Chris Fason, Lionel Ruland, Jens Schmitz, Mark Englert, Jett Atwood, Gibson Twist, Erin Mehlos, Shana Manson, Stephanie Weiler, Gynn Stella, Stan Yan, Margreet de Heer, Lea Hernandez, Kevin Cannon, Quilllan Roe, T. Motley, Zander Cannon, Denise McCabe, Enrique Martinez, Ben Avery, Fiona Staples, & Lison Bernet.* Look for the 496-page anthology from About Comics to reach shops in October.

And Here's Harvey!

In mid-June, the winners of the 2005 Harvey Awards were announced (in case you've forgotten, which awards are which, the Harveys are nominated and selected by comic industry professionals, rather than by fans or by a juried body, making them more analogous to the Oscars in that regard). This years winners are:

Best New Talent
Andy Runton (***Owly***, Top Shelf)

Best New Series
Michael Chabon Presents: The Amazing Adventures of the Escapist (Dark Horse)

Best Letterer
Todd Klein (Wonder Woman, DC)

Best Writer
Daniel Clowes (Eightball, Fantagraphics)

Best Artist
Darwyn Cooke (***DC: The New Frontier,*** DC)

Best Cartoonist
Jeff Smith (***Bone,*** Cartoon)

Best Cover Artist
James Jean (***Fables,*** Vertigo/DC)

Best Single Issue or Story
Eightball # 23 (Fantagraphics)

Best Domestic Reprint Project
The Complete Peanuts 1950-52 (Fantagraphics)

Best Continuing or Limited Series
DC: The New Frontier (DC)

Best Inker
Charles Burns (***Black Hole,*** Fantagraphics)

Best Colorist
Dave Stewart (***DC: The New Frontier,*** DC)

Best Graphic Novel of Previously Published Work
Bone: One Volume Collection (Cartoon)

Special Award for Humor in Comics
Kyle Baker (Plastic Man, DC)

Best Anthology (tie)
Michael Chabon Presents: The Amazing Adventures of the Escapist (*Diana Schutz,* editor; Dark Horse)
McSweeney's Quarterly Concern #13 (*Chris Ware,* editor; McSweeney's)

Best Graphic Album of Original Work
Blacksad 2 (*Juan Diaz Canales & Juanjo Guardino,* iBooks)

Best Syndicated Strip or Panel
Mutts (*Patrick McDonald,* KFS)

Special Award for Excellence in Presentation
The Complete Peanuts 1950-52 (Fantagraphics)

Best American Edition of Foreign Material
Buddha (Vertical Inc)

Best Biographical, Historical or Journalistic Presentation
Comic Book Artist (*Jon B. Cooke,* editor; Top Shelf)

Ins & Outs

In: *Justiniano,* the artist of ***Day of Vengeance*** and ***The Human Race,*** has gone exclusive with DC for the next two years. "Justiniano is in a class by himself, a unique talent, and one that other artists admire," editor *Joey Cavalieri* said. "His work delivers a terrific graphic punch in a style unlike anything else in comics now."

"I can't deny that I'm excited about the next two years. I think they're going to be fun!" *Justiniano* added.

In: Punisher star *Thomas Jane,* who joins *Steve Niles* to co-write ***Bad Planet,*** coming from Image Comics in December. "Tom's great to work with. I've never met anybody so consistently enthusiastic," Niles said. "We worked out an outline for ***Bad Planet*** based on us talking and then from there we took turns writing. So far, it's worked out great. Two writers adds layers that one writer can't."

Jane is enthused about his first comics work, an SF invasion tale. ""I wanted to create a book that I would have loved to have discovered on the shelf at my local comic store—a book in the tradition of the fantastic pulps of the 1940s; the E.C. comics of the 1950s; ***Creepy, Eerie*** and ***Blazing Combat's*** of the 1960s and '70s; and the ***Twisted Tales and Alien Worlds*** from the 1980s and '90s by *Bruce Jones.* We are putting together an all-star cast of artists, including *Tim Bradstreet, Lewis Larosa,* and one of my all-time favorites, *Bernie Wrightson.*"

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NOTE: At the request of many retailers, fans, and publishers, we have added Diamond Comic Distributors' code numbers after the publisher's name for each item; this will assist in placing special orders, etc.

- **100 BULLETS #63** 8/10 Vertigo/DC JUN050438 $2.75
- **100 GIRLS #6** Arcana JUN052764 $2.95
- **10TH MUSE VOL 2 #5** Alias JUN052685 $2.99
- **2000 AD #1446** Rebellion MAY052913 $4.10
- **2000 AD #1447** Rebellion MAY052914 $4.10
- **2000 AD #1448** Rebellion MAY052915 $4.10
- **2000 AD #1449** Rebellion MAY052916 $4.10
- **2020 VISIONS TP** Speakeasy JUN053149 $19.95
- **30 DAYS OF NIGHT: BLOODSUCKERS' TALES VOL 1 HC** IDW JUN053035 $49.99
- **30 DAYS OF NIGHT: BLOODSUCKERS' TALES VOL 1 TP** IDW JUN053034 $24.99
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  In a barren world where looming darkness stretches its prevailing grasp across the land, Little Red is a starving humanity's only hope. Yet will her contempt for evil be the catalyst to its demise, or will evil once again spread its hatred?
- **ABSOLUTE WATCHMEN HC REMARKED** DF JUN052947 $149.99
- **ACTION COMICS #830** 8/10 DC JUN050347 $2.50

  Villains United tie-in! The Society comes to Metropolis to offer the city protection - over Superman's dead body…
- **ADAM STRANGE: PLANET HEIST TP** 8/10 DC JUN050355 $19.99

  Collecting the limited series by Andy Diggle & Pascal Ferry, a precursor to the Rann-Thanagar War
- **ADVENTURES OF HANNO AND LORIS #2** SFA JUN053138 $5.25
- **ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #643** 8/17 DC JUN050346 $2.50

  After the cataclysmic events of 'Sacrifice,' Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman reach a turning point in their relationship
- **AEON FLUX #1** 8/24 Dark Horse JUN050021 $2.99

  Mike Kennedy & Timothy Green II preesnt an original comic adventure starring the sexy, deadly Aeon Flux
- **AI YORI AOSHI VOL 10 GN (OF 15)** TokyoPop JUN053179 $9.99
- **AIDEN MCKAIN CHRONICLES: BATTLE FOR EARTH #2** Digital Webbing JUN052925 $2.99
- **ALBION #3** 8/24 WildStorm/DC JUN050419 $2.99

  Alan Moore, Leah Moore, John Reppion, Shane Oakley, & George Freeman continue their 6-issue miniseries reimagining classic British heroes
- **ALEX RAYMOND'S FLASH GORDON VOL 4 HC** Checker JUN052873 $19.95

  Collects strips from June 12, 1938 to January 21, 1940
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- **BATGIRL #67** 8/17 DC JUN050330 $2.50

  Guest-starring the Birds of Prey
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  Part 2 of the 4-issue crossover 'War Crimes!' A long-lost nemesis of the Bat returns to exact revenge
- **BATMAN #644** 8/24 DC JUN050329 $2.50

  Conclusion of the 4-part 'War Crimes!' Batman faces two of his deadliest enemies: criminal mastermind Black Mask and the maniacal Joker
- **BATMAN BLACK WHITE SERIES MINI STATUE TIM SALE** 8/10 DC Direct FEB050365 $45.00

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- **BATMAN: THE JOKER MAQUETTE** 8/3 DC Direct FEB050364 $89.99
- **BATTLE POPE COLOR #3** 8/31 Image JUN051769 $2.95
- **BATTLE VIXENS VOL 8 GN (OF 8)** TokyoPop JUN053177 $9.99
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  Superman, Batman and Wonder Woman attempt to track down Jason Blood, who is dedicated to ensuring that Etrigan can never be freed again!
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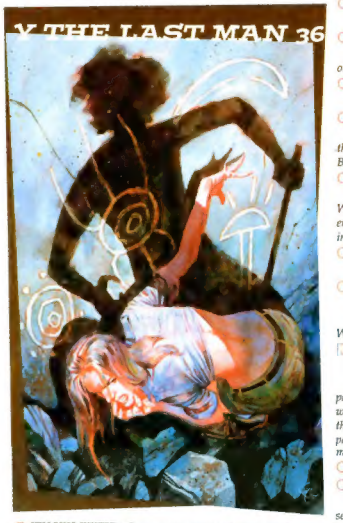

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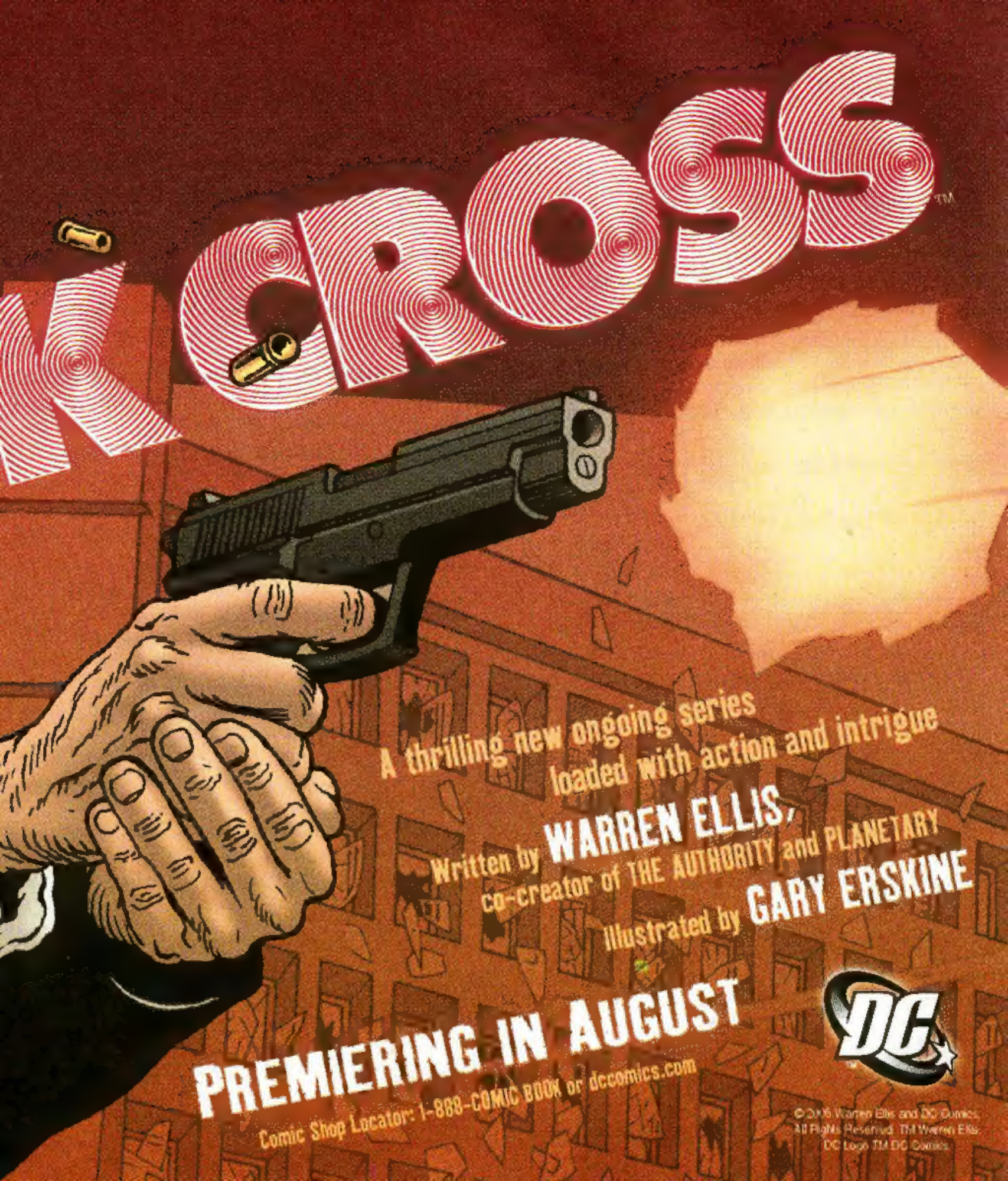
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